

EQIP FY-2004 Grazing Land Application Ranking Criteria Evaluation
Potomac Valley Conservation District

Landowner _____ Farm # _____ Tract # _____
Date: _____

1. _____ Reduce erosion, reduce soil compaction, improve regeneration, and develop proper stand population on the forest landscape by excluding livestock.
20 points
2. _____ Improve water quality and improve utilization of animal waste nutrients by relocating an established concentrated winter feeding area away from all streams. (Standard Code 757, Animal Use Area Protection; Nutrient Management Plan required).
> 200 feet = **25 points**

3. _____ Improve soil quality, reduce erosion, and improve animal health by developing and implementing a prescribed grazing plan. Landowner must be given a management worksheet so they understand the requirements of this practice. A prescribed grazing plan will be written that describes stocking rate, pasture size and grazing duration in each field.
The Prescribed Grazing incentive payments will be based on the level of management (length of grazing cycle) required by the grazing system to be used:

Pasture division fencing = **20 points, plus 10 pts. per additional field,**
up to maximum of 50 points

Water facility = **30 points, plus 10 pts. per additional watering facility,**
up to maximum of 50 points

Continuous grazing = 25 points
(9+ days grazing cycle)

Rotational grazing = 50 points
(5 – 8 days grazing cycle)

Management Intensive grazing = 75 points
(1 – 4 days grazing cycle)

Converting land which is being grazed, but which is too steep to properly manage, to woodland. = 15 points

Establishment of warm season grasses = 5 points

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Extended grazing to keep livestock in pasture longer and reduce need for waste storage. = 35 points

Pasture planting to establish a higher quality forage, other than fescue, to improve both forage quality and wildlife habitat. = 30 points

4. _____ Reduce sheet and rill erosion on agricultural land. Use the predominate soil type for the field/farm.

_____ Reduce average erosion > 5 tons/ac/yr = 15 points

_____ Reduce average erosion 3 – 5 tons/ac/yr = 10 points

_____ Reduce average erosion < 3 tons/ac/yr = 5 points

Reduce Ephemeral/gully erosion. Use the predominate soil type for the field/farm.

_____ Reduce average erosion > 1,000 cu.ft/yr = 20 points

_____ Reduce average erosion 500 – 1,000 cu.ft/yr = 15 points

_____ Reduce average erosion 300 – 500 cu.ft./yr = 10 points

_____ Reduce average erosion < 300 cu.ft./yr = 5 points

5. _____ Livestock exclusion for streambank protection

Establish permanent fencing and/or create vegetated buffers (grass and/or trees) to protect streambanks from livestock. Includes fencing, stream crossings, and water facilities. May be combined with vegetative filter strip, riparian forest buffer, and/or stabilization of critically eroding streambanks.

Establishment of streambank fencing = 60 points

Stream crossing installation = 20 points

Field border establishment = 10 points

Tree and shrub planting = 10 points

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Field border width from stream (Top of bank):

> 100 feet = 50 points

> 50 feet = 40 points

> 35 feet = 30 points

> 25 feet = 20 points

> 15 feet = 10 points

15 feet minimum

TOTAL POINTS FOR GRAZING LAND APPLICATION = _____